



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of  
IVAN W. GROW

Serial No. 10/617,331

Filed July 10, 2003

For: RIFLED WEAPON ENGRAVER  
AND SCANNER

) March 22, 2004  
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Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated December 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

In the claims:

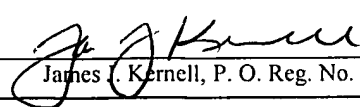
1. (Original) A method for identifying a firearm having a bore with a barrel and breech from which a bullet is fired, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) entering identifying data into a computer system to identify said firearm,
- (b) storing said identifying data,
- (c) encoding said identifying data,
- (d) etching said encoded data into said bore of said firearm,
- (e) transferring said encoded data from said barrel to a surface of a slug of a bullet upon

firing said bullet from said firearm,

(Docket 3188)

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the U. S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 22, 2004.

  
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